



MONTEREY NEWS

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The Town

Just a week before the last day of summer, with Labor Day already a holiday memory, the Select Board was back at work on September 13 in its new Town Hall facilities. The rains had come and were still coming, while storage facilities for Town records were moved from the damp basement to higher ground.

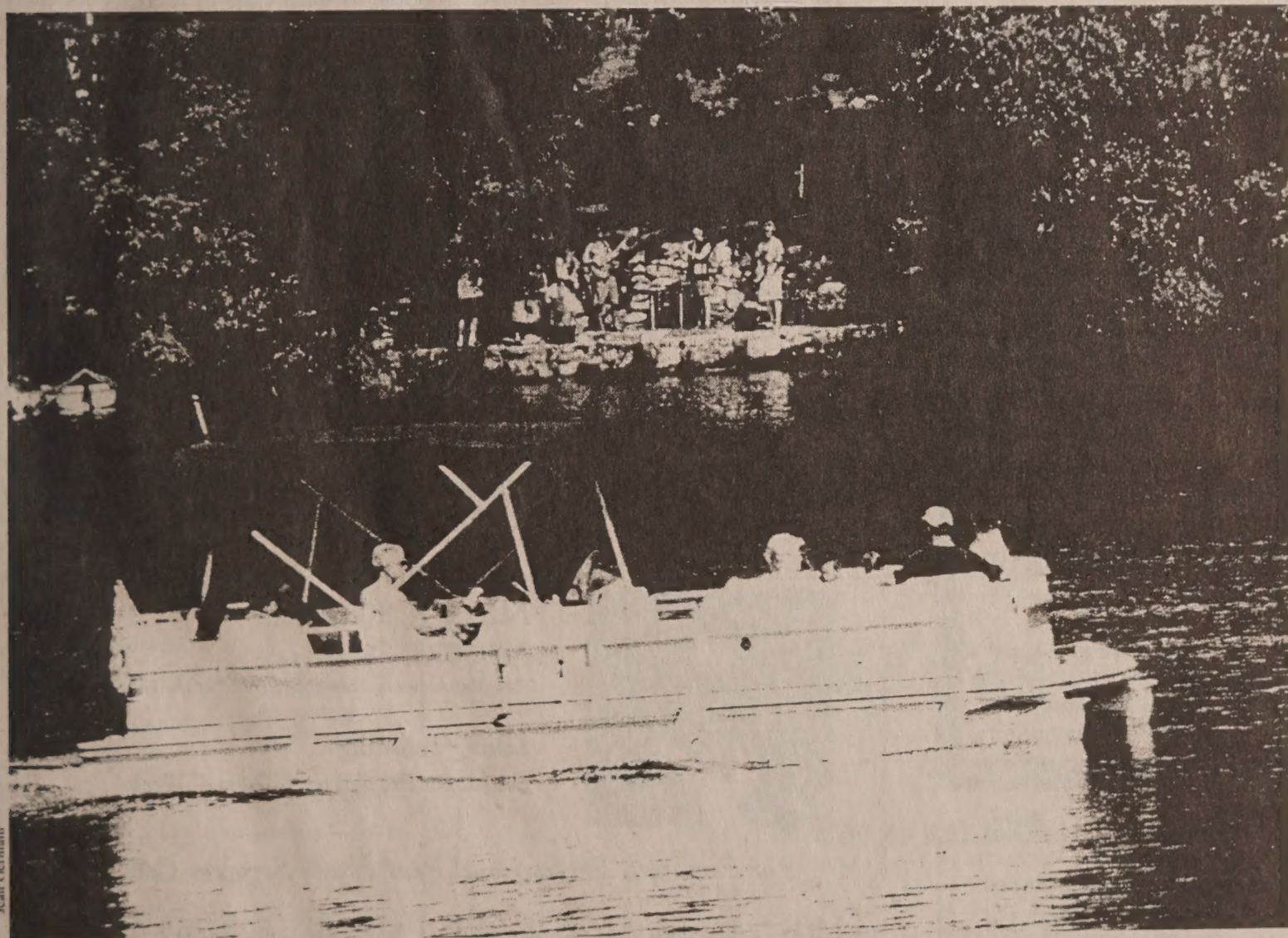
Affordable Housing Prospects

Fred Chapman came with the good news that the list of affordable housing potential he had prepared at the Select Board's request was not as bleak as might be expected. Affordable housing, as defined and allowed by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Development, is at a level of "80 percent of the regional median household income," which should be possible here because

rental units in several local nonprofit facilities could qualify for state certification. Two town properties under consideration are ten acres behind the Firehouse and twenty acres on the Wilson-McLaughlin land.

Wilson-McLaughlin House Committee Expanded

Three new members are to join the revitalized committee: Joe Baker, Susan



Jean Germain

Good-bye to summer and all that jazz on Lake Garfield.

Sellew, and Evelyn Vallianos. On September 20, committee members, Shirley Olds (Chair), Lew Scheffey, and Gige O'Connell met with the Select Board and put forth a list of key issues critical to moving forward to upgrade and maintain the house and property. Foremost was involvement of Town Counsel to rule on constraints, modifications, and purposes of use as intended by Edith's will, as well as their limitations and longevity. Specific actions were resolved, including plans to prepare a budget for Monterey citizens to consider and vote upon at the next special or regular Town Meeting.

Maple Trees Stressed

Dick Tryon came to the Select Board with an alarming list of 119 maple trees beside paved main and connecting roads that are prematurely turning color and have telltale signs of leaves with dead or diseased edges, most likely due to de-

icing salt. As might be expected, most were on the low side of the road, and Dick did no survey on dirt roads, which get a mixture of sand and salt. Scenic maples are vital to our landscape, visually, environmentally, and economically. The Board agreed to get involved in marking the trees in question, with the help of the Tree Warden. With winter just a season away, the new Highway Department Osh-Kosh, approved for purchase at the last Town Meeting, should arrive in early December, with a state-of-the-art salt-regulating computer capable of fine tuning just enough to do the job while minimizing tree damage. Just in time?

Teeth for Building Bylaws

Building Commissioner Don Torrico informed the Select Board he not only now has the jurisdiction to issue on-site citations for noncompliance to Town Building Code Bylaws, but is activating this regulation here. Builders will have just thirty days to appeal each violation citation, or pay substantial fines, which will be enforced.

Fire Department Gets Grant

At the September 27th Select Board meeting, Director of Operations Maynard Forbes announced that another \$38,000 of federal assistance has been awarded to the Monterey Fire Department (this is in

addition to the \$12,820 previously announced). This latest grant from the Office of Domestic Preparedness will be used for diesel exhaust filters for the fire trucks, an alarm system for the Firehouse, a fill station for air-pack bottles, and an emergency generator for the Firehouse.

Park Commission News

Park Commission Chair Leroy Thorpe reported the good news that the new fencing screen for the Greene Park ballfield is in place; he also reported the bad news that two picnic tables are missing from Bidwell Park.

Oct. 4 Public Hearing on Tax Levy

The Select Board, working with Stan Ross and the Board Of Assessors, has set October 4 as the date to establish the percentage of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of property for the Fiscal Year 2005. Once again, in spite of all talk about the slump in spending in the Berkshires, property values in Monterey have increased enough to be optimistic about future revenues and the feasibility of maintaining our moderate tax rate.

— George Emmons

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Ray Tryon Honored for 50 Years of Service as Monterey's Fire Chief

On a beautiful, warm and sunny Sunday, September 19, The Monterey Fire Company and the Tryon family welcomed more than one hundred uniformed firefighters from over twenty different fire stations all over Massachusetts, nearby New York, and the state of Florida, and nearly one hundred more Monterey residents to celebrate Ray Tryon's 50 years of service as Fire Chief in Monterey, his 62 years of firefighting service, and his 75th birthday.

The Firehouse was fairly bursting with well-wishers, who enjoyed viewing an antique horse-drawn fire wagon, exquisite hand-crafted harnesses, collars and reins from Ray's six-Percheron horse hitch set; hearing music by the John Sauer trio, and tasting wonderful food provided by Del Rogers and Susan Donaghey.

Guests applauded warmly as Chief Tryon received over 25 certificates, citations, letters of commendation and accolades from state and local firefighting organizations, the State Fire Marshall's Office and the Berkshire County Fire Chiefs Association. Letters and citations from both of our U.S. Senators, Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy and John Kerry (who also telephoned Ray personally from the campaign trail to extend his warmest congratulations!), and from U.S. Represen-



Tom Rosenthal

Fire Chief Ray Tryon with his two firefighter grandsons, Shawn and Chris, at the Sept. 19th celebration of Ray's 50 years of service as chief and 75th birthday.

tative John Olver were presented. Captain Mark Makuc read the Proclamation from Governor Mitt Romney declaring Sunday, September 19, 2004 Ray Tryon Day In Massachusetts.

State Representative "Smitty" Pignatelli and State Senator Andrea Nuciforo each spoke and presented Ray with letters of congratulation from their respective houses of government. The many commendations included phrases such as "an invaluable asset to the entire community," "selfless dedication," and "unprecedented devotion to your position."

The celebration was hosted by the Monterey Fire Company and the Tryon

family, as well as a large community committee. Maynard Forbes, Assistant Chief, was the Master of Ceremonies, and many members of the Fire Company participated in reading and presenting letters and commendations from elected officials who could not personally be in attendance.

The evening ended with Ray's expression of heartfelt thanks and appreciation, followed immediately by a rousing version of HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU and a birthday cake.

— Linda Thorpe & Nancy Kalodner

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Call for Volunteers for Community Potlucks

Planning for the 2004-5 Community Potluck Dinners will begin on Sunday, October 3, with an organizational meeting at 11:45 a.m. at the Monterey Meetinghouse. Anyone who would like to help with planning and organizing the dinners is welcome to attend. We are looking for volunteers for occasional help with organization, setup, and cleanup.

The dinners, which are open to everyone, are held monthly from November through May. Not only do they feature fine Monterey cooking, but each gathering also includes a speaker or performance. Last year we were entertained by local musicians Karl Finger, Eric Martin, and the children from the Monterey School. We also heard lectures by Raya Ariella on the work of the Center for Ecological Technology, MaryKate Jordan on Edith Wharton, Michael Johnson on the United Nations International Day of Peace, and Melissa Preston on llamas (along with Ruby, a 2½-year-

Church Harvest Brunch October 10

Please come to the **Monterey Harvest Brunch Fund-raiser on October 10 at 11 a.m.** In order to raise money for our global outreach, **Partners in Health**, the Monterey Church will sponsor a harvest brunch featuring local eggs, cheese, syrup, and potatoes to create a menu of wild blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, a fruit-and-goat-cheese dish, and Pullen pumpkin pies! The suggested donation is \$8. Reservations are not required but are appreciated; please call 528-5850.

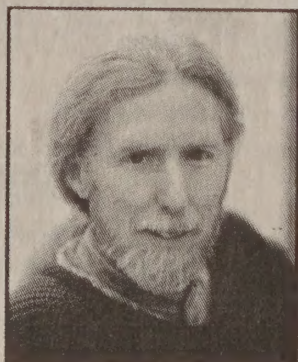
Partners in Health is an organization whose mission is "to provide a preferen-

old llama). Many thanks to these musicians and speakers for a wonderful Community Dinner season, and a special thanks to the Monterey United Church of Christ for opening their meeting room each year for these events.

Volunteering for the Community Potlucks is an easy way to participate in the community and a great opportunity to get to know us if you are new to town, or meet and welcome new neighbors if you are already at home here. If you cannot join us on the 3rd, but would like to help, call Dianna Downing, 528-3381.

tial option for the poor in health care. By establishing long-term relationships with sister organizations based in settings of poverty, Partners In Health strives to achieve two overarching goals: to bring the benefits of modern medical science to those most in need of them and to serve as an antidote to despair. We draw on the resources of the world's elite medical and academic institutions and on the lived experience of the world's poorest and sickest communities. At its root, our mission is both medical and moral. It is based on solidarity, rather than charity alone. When our patients are ill and have no access to care, our team of health professionals, scholars, and activists will do whatever it takes to make them well—just as we would do if a member of our own families, or we ourselves, were ill."

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Jean Germain



What a Shindig!

The Monterey Cultural Council wants to thank all those who helped make "Shindig," our Labor Day weekend event, such a success. The weather was perfect and the Gazebo, picnic tables, and Firehouse Pavilion offered the perfect location for the evenings' activities. Thank you to Ray Tryon and the Monterey Fire Department for so generously lending us their facilities. And thanks to the Monterey General Store for help with acquiring the snacks and beverages, and to Leonard Weber of the Hayloft Gallery for another outstanding sign.

We are fortunate that Monterey and our surrounding communities have so many wonderful musicians! Joel Schick and then Anson Olds serenaded us through

our dinner hour and the 13-piece Konkaplunkers (in photo above), Monterey's community contradance band, had everyone of all ages up and dancing and ready for more. The Konkaplunkers were: Bonner McAllester, Danny Gerrigan-Byerly, Stephen Enoch, Bill Kopechne, Anson Olds, John Sellw, Donny MacLean, Donald Gangemi, Allan Dean, Oren Rosenthal, Bob Cutick, Joel Schick, and Joe Baker. Some band!

The Monterey children and friends provided a chorus interlude. This was a good chance to pull together our local kids; thanks to Debra Mielke, Julie Shapiro, and Allan Dean for organizing the chorus, and thanks to everyone for singing along. (Note: John Sellw recorded the children's chorus and has it available on a CD; call him if you are interested.) Our final act, Monterey resi-

dent Lanny Lanoue and his band Three For All (with Sammy Brown and Trevor Young), provided some real rock and roll. It was great music for dancing and for listening. All these musicians volunteered their talents. Thank you.

We are grateful to all of you who came. The potluck had more than enough food with lots of variety, and it was great to see everyone dance the night away after dinner. Thanks to those who contributed to the donation jars; money will go to future events. Thank you for the feedback and suggestions we have received. Any further comments can be addressed to Julie Shapiro, PO Box 137, Monterey. Finally, thanks to the friends and families of the Cultural Council members who offered among other things, strong backs and helping hands.

— The Monterey Cultural Council:
Lois Ryder, Debra Mielke, Susan Johnson, Joel Schick, Dianna Downing, Julie Shapiro, Joe Baker

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Sun Smiles On LakeFest

It's said that "the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry." Well, not this time! On Saturday, August 28, overcoming overwhelming insurance issues, and snapping the summer's streak of soggy Saturdays, LakeFest 2004 was all smiles and sunshine.

Thanks go to the Monterey Select Board who took over sponsorship of LakeFest, tucking the day's activities under the town's insurance umbrella. (Whew!) The Friends of Lake Garfield (FLG), formerly the Lake Garfield Association (LGA), organized the activities and stuffed the town's till with the money raised by poster sales and contributed to LakeFest by its loyal members to make it happen. A heaping hunk of that money came from contributions from Monterey's relentlessly reliable business community. (See list. And make sure to patronize these magnanimous merchants so they have money to contribute next year.)

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were painted and became even smilier (no, spell check, you cannot change that word). Laughter rang from the craft table. Little fingers folded paper into an armada of boats that sailed into the sunset. Brightly colored kayaks adorned our glorious Lake Garfield, riders riding free, courtesy of Expeditions of Great Barrington. Close to 200 Montereyans enjoyed free motorboat trips around the lake, thanks to a volunteer fleet. We salute you, captains! Our very own Hatchery loaded several of the boats with 100 homegrown rainbow and brown trout which were released in the middle of the lake. Earlier in the day, the Hatchery had a fishing contest that youngsters went for hook, line, and sinker. (Rim shot!)

Here's a new one. The Electric Boat Company of Athens, New York, brought an environmentally friendly electric boat for free rides; however, this "best laid plan" did, indeed, go awry, or, one might say, went "off keel". Turns out the keel proved too large to launch from any of Garfield's launch sites. So this grand wooden vessel sat adjacent to the beach,

winning the admiration of everyone who passed by.

Six o'clock rolled around and so did some hearty appetites. No problem. A very well organized potluck dinner, a gustatory 38-course extravaganza, delighted the hungry hoards. The campfire crackled as sticky little faces got stuffed with roasted marshmallows.

Then, to work off that monster meal, The Bottom of the Bucket (they're tops in our book) made music and led dances that truly made the evening. Can't sing their praises enough!

Finally, after a brief rain (why is this never easy?) the heavens lit up with rainbows of streaking chrysanthemums and streaming sparklers, as bursts of brilliant neon colors painted the ebony sky, thrilling the kids—and the kid in all of us. Dave Lewis, the fireworks maestro, did it again! Great show, Dave!

A million thanks to the dozens of volunteers who gave us this wonderful day for all in Monterey to share. What a special place we live in!

— Hy Rosen

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Images of LakeFest 2004 (photos by Richard Edelstein)

Green Corner **Hot Scoop** **on Unwanted Mail**

Most mailboxes are inundated with what we call junk mail, those items that are mailed indiscriminately and in large quantities. Every year, over 41 pounds of unwanted mail is sent to each adult. In 1998, Americans threw away 5.2 million tons of junk mail. This unwanted mail does more than annoy. It degrades our planet in many ways and contributes to climate change.

The majority of paper comes from living trees, not from existing paper. As trees are harvested, the forest becomes

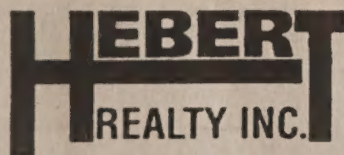
less effective at removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Simultaneously, the manufacturing required to turn trees into paper is fuel-intensive and adds carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide is the greenhouse gas most responsible for climate change.

When paper is thrown away, it goes to the landfill. Landfills release methane, another potent greenhouse gas. The United States has only 5 percent of the world's population and is responsible for a third of the world's methane emissions from landfills. Landfill paper is a major cause of methane. Reducing your unwanted mail and recycling paper makes a real difference that can benefit the whole planet.

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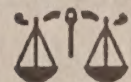
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Election Matters

Wednesday, October 13, 2004 will be the last day to register to vote in the upcoming November 2nd election. Registration sessions will be held on October 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Monterey (locations to be posted by October 7 in the Post Office, the Roadside Store, and in the Town Offices, by bylaw). In Massachusetts, we have a voter registration deadline of twenty days before an election.

Anyone who is a citizen of the United States and a resident of Massachusetts and will be eighteen years old on or before Election Day is eligible to register to vote. Those registering to vote using mail-in registration forms must have those forms postmarked no later than October 13 in order to vote in the November 2nd election.

Because of a new federal law, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 passed by Congress, voters who register for the first time by mail will be required to show identification when they vote for the first time in a federal election. Those voters

may either mail a copy of their identification to their local election office with their voter registration form or they will be required to show it when they vote on Election Day. Acceptable identification must include the voter's name and the address at which he or she is registered to vote, for example: a current and valid photo identification, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other document showing the voter's name and address.

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires that voters who are required to show identification but do not may only cast a provisional ballot which will be counted later, but only after their eligibility to vote has been determined.

Other voters may be requested to show identification. Accordingly, it is recommended that all voters bring identification.

Voters will be electing a president and vice president, members of Congress, the state Senate and House of Representatives, Governor's Council, and county officials. In our community there are no binding local questions to be decided, and probably there will be no non-binding public policy questions as well.

Throughout the state, polls on Election Day are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Absentee ballot requests can be made with due attention to the time required for

Mt. Hunger Fall Family Hike Oct. 16

Join us for refreshments and a walk in the woods along some of Monterey's most beautiful trails on Saturday, October 16, at 10 a.m. (rain date Sunday, October 17). Meet at the Land Trust parking area on Mt. Hunger Road, approximately 1 mile from Tyringham Road.

The hike is sponsored by The Monterey Land Trust and Monterey Parks Commission.

a ballot to be mailed out and received back. Because we had a Primary in September, and that Primary affected the ballot for the November election, we do not yet have absentee ballots from the State. To request an absentee ballot when they become available, please either fill out a request form (for yourself or for a family member) at the Town Offices or write a note to: Town Clerk, P.O. Box 277, Monterey, MA 01245 stating that you will not be in town and requesting that a ballot be mailed to you at the particular address where you will be (or to your home address if it will reach you before you leave town).

— Barbara Swann, Town Clerk

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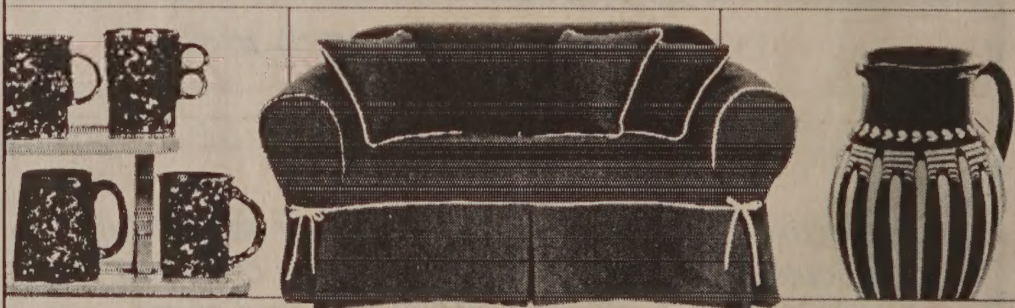


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About the Monterey General Store

What's happening at the Monterey General Store? Change, change, and more change. After bringing back the store from the empty shell of two years ago to a thriving, ongoing business, Bonnie Marks has decided to take some much deserved time off, spend time with her family, and pursue other interests. Kenn Basler, Bonnie's former business partner, will continue at the store as the sole proprietor.

Bonnie put her heart and soul into the building of the business. When she took it over, the store had been closed for many months and a lot of past regular customers had given up on it. With hard work and too many hours, Bonnie brought the store back to its rightful place in the community. We all owe Bonnie our thanks and wish her the best in the future

For those who have not been into the "new" store, please drop by and introduce yourself to Kenn and the crew. We're always looking for new ways to improve and to continue the 200 year tradition of the Monterey General Store.

— Kenn Basler

Wilson-McLaughlin House Committee

The Wilson-McLaughlin House Committee is reconstructing itself. The members of the committee are: Joe Baker, Gige O'Connell, Shirley Olds, Lew Scheffey, Susan Sellew, Gerry Shapiro, Evelyn Vallianos, and Cynthia Weber.

Some of Edith Wilson's paintings will be on display in the Town Hall shortly.

We are meeting with some town committees and we have received some suggestions for the use of the house: for an art gallery, card parties, board games, reading room, classes, book club meetings, and lectures. We welcome all suggestions for its use. If you have one, contact any member of the committee.

The key for the town to keep Edith Wilson's estate, including its twenty-eight acres, is to upgrade and maintain the house.

— Shirley Olds



Heaths Celebrate 50th

Kenneth and Gail Heath of 470 Main Road were honored for their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a party at the American Legion Hall in Sheffield on August 22, 2004. The Heaths were married August 21, 1954, at the First Congregational Church in Monterey, by the Rev. W. Raymond Ward..

The party, attended by seventy-five friends and family members, was given by their children, Kris Heath of Sheffield and Ken, Jr., of Pittsfield. The Heaths also have one grandchild Sherri Heath of Tolland.

Mrs. Heath, the former Gail Lanoue, is a homemaker. Prior to her retirement in 1999, she worked at Pioneer Credit and the Wheeler & Taylor Insurance, both of Great Barrington.

Mr. Heath, a Monterey native, retired in 1994 as a bulldozer operator for Mercer Construction, after forty-four years of service. He served in the Army from 1956 to 1958, spending nineteen months in France and then was called back in the Army for another year in 1961.

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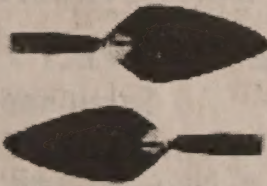
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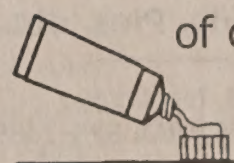


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Tailoring and Updating Your Subdivision Regulations October 5, Chesterfield Senior Center, 7-9 p.m.

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Facilitating Community Meetings and Conversations

October 13, Conway Town Hall, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Conducting well-run board meetings or public hearings is a vital skill for

anyone who benefits from public participation in meetings. At this workshop, you'll learn effective ways of initiating and guiding dialogue, how to deal with hidden (or not so hidden) agendas, and how to approach controversial topics. This session will be perfect for those new to community boards or people who wish to enhance their skills and confidence in managing public meetings. The workshop will be taught by the Facilitation and Mediation Collaborative and will be \$5 per person. Please register in advance.

The Ecology and Geology of the Chesterfield Gorge

October 23, Chesterfield, 10 a.m.-noon

This easy walk along the banks of the Westfield River will explore the geologic history and ecological connections of this unique natural wonder. We'll examine the relationships between the existing rock outcroppings, topography, soils, vegetation, and wildlife, as well as learn about the history and conservation

of the surrounding land. Sponsored by the Highland Communities Initiative and the Pioneer Valley Institute. The hike is free, but please register in advance.

Hinsdale Flats Hike

October 24, Hinsdale, 12-3 p.m.

This moderate hike will take participants along the Appalachian Trail to enjoy the distinctive beauty of the Hinsdale Flats, a state-designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern. This high plateau bog contains many glacier erratics and scenic views of the surrounding watershed. We'll also hear about the ongoing plans for stewardship and management of these 12,000 acres. Led by Dennis Reagan of the Housatonic Valley Association. The hike is \$5 for adults and free for children. Please register in advance.

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Autumn

*Autumn is come
the bones of logic lurk black
beneath the leaves.
their symmetry severe
makes even memory of blossoms childish
love and its tender longings
sweet-pea tendrils on the trellises of hope
are withered and dry ghosts
now scraping the ground
whose meaning designated
but lentils in the end*

*air is chill with dying.
wanton glory flings crimson and gold
tokens to the winter winds
such futile bribery!*

*color is bugling the alarm
that from a relentless palette
of sere browns and greys
rock, ice and ringing, frozen earth
will form the picture*

*I am ashamed of exuberance
remind myself of reason
among the bare boulders of the mind
solemn, silent, wrinkled as bark
black with the sorrow of rain
I cringe and listen.*

*Autumn is come.
the bones of logic lurk black
beneath the leaves.
austere and valiant
stands the understatement of branches.*

*mourn with me, comfort me,
hushed, sibilant snows to come.
roots are deepening with time.*

*wild geese are lifted away
to softer airs*

I am resigned now.

*I know I shall not flower
nor love in vain
until another life
beyond the equinox of wisdom*

— A. O. Howell

To Put It Simply

*The roof sags
The door squeaks
The rug drags
The chair creaks
The deck tips
The couch sinks
The tap drips
The lamp blinks
The dust forms
The plant wilts
The fridge warms
The bed tilts
The porch slants
The house slides
The mice dance
But the cat hides*

— Ed Schur

Life (and Death) on the Trail

"You are what you eat!" This is what my great aunt Minky (Minnie S. Keyes, of Main Road, Monterey) used to say with a twinkle as she sat down to dinner. That twinkle was the irritating part, like it was a joke, or it was just so funny that you didn't already know this obvious bit of truth. Sometimes she said it when we balked at our salad or grumbled over finishing our main course before we could get desert. These were the times when, even when we had no idea what it meant to be what we ate, we figured that SHE meant we were to finish up.

I can remember a few smart attempts to unseat Minky from her righteous pronouncement: "Oh yeah? So I guess an elephant is a peanut, right?"

Or, even trickier: "So if I eat a peanut I'll be an elephant, right?"

She was not moveable. The more we tried to outwit her, the more she twinkled, because—it's so obvious. In fact, you absolutely ARE what you eat, element by element, protein by protein. She knew that someday we would cotton on, and she was in no hurry for that day to come. Meanwhile, she enjoyed her private seat on the throne of confidence. What I love now, though it drove me nuts when I was ten, is that the foundation of Minky's throne was an independent rock. There was no need for proving, for convincing, for recruiting a couple of kids to join up. She did not need us to say, "Oh yes! I get



You Are What You Eat - Connect The Dots!

it! How right you are, oh Wise One, and from now on I will eat up."

At 55, I am finally there. A few days ago we were out on the trail here in East Monterey, not far from the Keyes place. It's a new trail, giving access to a fine parcel of woods that for some decades has been available only to wildlife, bush-whackers, and periodic loggers. We have had some mixed feelings about making it so public, inviting in the human hoi polloi with their (our) candy wrappers and dogs. On this, our first visit to the splendid new

trail a few days after its grand opening, we saw no candy wrappers. We saw a small bunch of turkeys fast-jogging away from us and our dog, and then we found a dead turkey by the trail.

We carried it home. It smelled good but the legs had stiffened up. So we felt confident it had not been killed by our dog Ruby, though we do know she would have grabbed it given a chance.

When I put it on the counter and looked it over better, I found this young turkey had suffered a serious large bone-

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breaking chomp to the back, with plenty of bleeding inside. I was thinking coyote, but what coyote would leave a meal like this lying in the woods? Even if frightened off by hikers, a coyote would be right back to pick up dinner, it seems to me.

Who picked up the dinner, though, was us. We got a good stew from this turkey plus some big pieces of meat in the freezer. Turkeys have a lot of breast meat, whether they live in the woods or on a turkey farm. But the woods turkeys really use their breast muscles, for flying, so the meat is dark. What makes it dark is that it is well-supplied with blood. If the muscles are to be worth anything, and I don't mean just for sandwiches, they need oxygen and all sorts of special supplies brought to their cells by blood. Even muscle cells "are what they eat."

One of the not-so-sandwichable muscles in a turkey is the gizzard. Most people either toss it out or put it in the stockpot or maybe cut it into bits for gravy. If you are the butcher, as I was, you get to open up the gizzard and see how the turkey chews.

This gizzard was full of small stones, about the size of dry peas. The lining of the gizzard, which is just specialized tough skin, was dark and rough, a little sandpapery, and had parallel ridges. I have read that the gizzard of a turkey is so tough and strong that it can bend a sewing needle without being pierced by it.

Turkeys eat all sorts of things. They are tall and can reach their necks up fast.

They also have strong feet for digging. What they eat goes in the mouth and down the neck a short way to the crop. This is the storage place. When you open up the crop you can tell what the turkey has been eating because it is not chewed (ground) up yet by the gizzard.

Our turkey had the following items in its crop: a large grasshopper with a red and black abdomen, a huge dragonfly with wings a bit ruffled but clearly four inches across, many seed pods which may have been from jewelweed, a small tuber from a Jerusalem artichoke plus a Jerusalem artichoke leaf, and a lot of wild cherries.

In the gizzard, along with the grinding stones, there were many pits from wild cherries, plus a couple of teaspoons of ground-up material, dark.

When I ate the turkey, I thought of Minky on her throne. "Oh, yeah?" I said to her, "So am I a turkey? Or am I a grasshopper?" But I don't say it with my old ten-year-old need to prove. I say it now, with, you guessed it, the twinkle. I know now that I am the turkey, the grasshopper, the coyote, the dog. I am the trail, I am the woods, I am the little stones. My involvement goes on and on and never ends: I am the little grubs by the trail that did not get to eat this turkey. I am the little grubs in my compost pile that did get some. I am what I eat.

— Bonner J. McAllester

Cultural Council Grant Deadline

The Monterey Cultural Council will be accepting applications through October 15 for the upcoming cycle of grants. Please pick up the application form from the Monterey Town Offices or download one from www.massculturalcouncil.org/applications—look for the link to the Local Cultural Council Application.

Leave your application and all supporting materials at the Town Offices by 3 p.m. on October 15, or mail to Lois Ryder, Monterey Cultural Council, 195 Main Rd., Monterey, Great Barrington, MA 01230-8415. Mailed applications must be postmarked by Oct 15 at the latest.

Thanks, and good luck! We look forward to supporting many more fine art, cultural, and scientific projects for our community.

— Lois Ryder
Monterey Cultural Council



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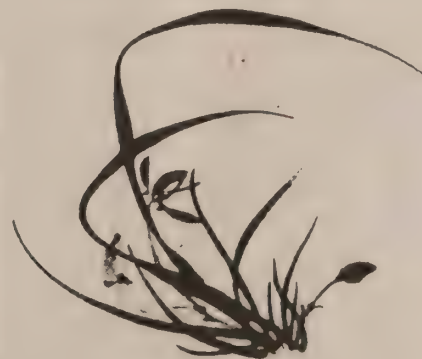
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Bob's Way and Dave's Bench



Bob's Way to Dave's Bench New Hiking Trail Opens

On Saturday, September 4, a group of Monterey residents and others gathered at the trailhead for the grand opening and dedication of Bob's Way a new hiking trail built in memory of two prominent Monterey residents, Bob Thieriot (1946-1998), one of the greatest conservationists of Berkshire County, and Dave Cathcart (1940-2003), an attorney who, among his many other accomplishments,

contributed to the writing of the national Clean Water Act. The trail is on land donated by Thieriot to the Berkshire Natural Resources Council. Speakers at the dedication included Thieriot's son, Janet Cathcart, Tad Ames, President of BNRC and George Wislocki, past President, as well as George Darey of the state Fisheries and Wildlife Board.

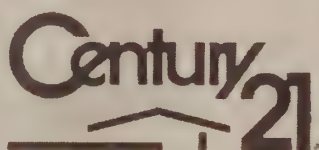
A goodly number of supporters of this magnificent addition to our trail systems were on hand to partake of refreshments and say thanks to all who had worked so hard to make the trail a reality. It was indeed a team effort that included Thieriotics, Cathcarts, Peter Jensen, who constructed the trail, and Allen Williams of Chester Granite Company, who created Dave's Bench at the top of the trail from a stone outcropping, a seating area

with a spectacular view.

All present for the dedication were invited on a guided tour of the trail through the beautiful wetlands and heron rookery, past the junctions with two longer connector trails looping through old abandoned agricultural homesites, and then on a challenging but rewarding climb to the peak where Dave's Bench waits to rest and inspire those who reach the top. The trail is a place to wander, and to remember and savor the thought and generosity of our most enlightened citizens who would present and preserve our land heritage for public appreciation.

The trailhead for Bob's Way is located on Route 23 across from Mt. Hunger Road.

— George Emmons



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Selection of Recent Arrivals at the Monterey Library

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Adult Fiction

Margaret Elphinstone, *Voyageurs*
Francisco Goldman, *The Divine Husband*
Sue Grafton, *R Is for Ricochet*
Martha Grimes, *Winds of Change*
Ernest Hemingway, *The Old Man and the Sea*
Iris Johansen, *Blind Alley*
Michael Palmer, *Society*
Arthur Phillips, *The Egyptologist*
Jean-Christophe Rufin, *Brazil Red*
Muriel Spark, *The Finishing School*

Children/Young Adults

Lisa Carrier & Lenore Hart, *T-Rex at Swan lake*
Julia Donaldson, *The Snail and The Whale*
Jessie Haas, *Birthday Pony*
Jason Hightman, *The Saint of Dragons*
Lucy Micklethwait, *I Spy Shapes in Art*
Erika Oller, *The Cabbage Soup Solution*
Wendy Pini, *Elfquest: The Grand Quest*
Jon Scieszka, *Science Verse*
William Steig, *Toby, Who Are You?*
James Stevenson, *No Laughing, No Smiling, No Giggling*

Remembering Irving Yost

Irving Yost, 81, of Stevens Lake Road died September 21st at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on July 30, 1923, son of Charles and Ida Moskowitz Yoskowitz, he was educated there and in Manhattan.

Adult Nonfiction

John Calderazzo, *Rising Fire: Volcanoes and Our Inner Lives*
Ivo H. Dadder & James M. Lindsay, *America Unbound: The Bush Revolution in Foreign Policy*
Maureen Dowd, *Bushworld, Enter at Your Own Risk*
W. Timothy Gallway, *The Inner Game of Tennis*
Steven Herrick, *A Simple Gift*
Gerald McMaster, ed., *Native Universe: Voices of Indian America*
Roland Mesnier, *Dessert University: More Than 300 Spectacular Recipes*
Charles Pellegrino, *Ghosts of Vesuvius: A New Look at the Last Days of Vesuvius*
Aron Ralston, *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*
Judy Spours, *Ultimate Decorating Book*
Don Zimmer, *The Zen of Zim: Baseballs, Beanballs and Bosses*

A Navy Seabee veteran of World War II, he was stationed in Hawaii.

Mr. Yost and his wife, the former Shirley Kleid, operated the Turning Point Inn in Great Barrington for many years. He was also a partner in the development of residential properties on Lake Garfield and on Stevens Lake. Before moving to the Berkshires in the early 1970s, he had resided in Closter, N.J., where he was a self-employed architectural designer of commercial retail space.

He was passionate about politics, vegetarian food, and residential design/development, and enjoyed studying Yiddish and eating good food with a close group of Berkshirites. He also enjoyed gardening and walking around Stevens Lake, where he had built a house with his partner, Jane Black.

His wife died in 1993.

Besides his partner, he leaves two daughters, Cindy Rosenbaum of Golden's Bridge, N.Y., and Jamie Yost Vlcek of Monterey; a son, Gary Yost of Mill Valley, Calif.; two sisters, Lee Stockman of Pembroke Pines, Fla., and Jessie Goldeng of Memphis; two brothers, Harry Yost of Pembroke Pines and Phil Yost of Flushing, N.Y.; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the Kerry campaign through Finnerty & Stevens Funeral Home, 426 Main St., Great Barrington. Remembrances, memories, and reflections may be sent to the family through www.finnertyandstevens.com.

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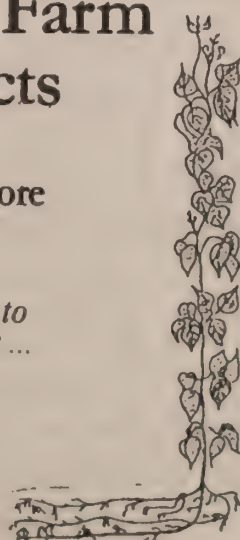
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Catherine Bohrman Exhibit at Lukeman Studio

At a small artist studio near the intersection of Route 102 and Route 183 in Stockbridge, sculptor Catherine Leuchs Bohrman will be working and exhibiting some of her bronze, alabaster, and cast stone sculptures the weekend of October 1st. Built in the early 1900s by sculptor Augustus Lukeman, the studio was patterned after nearby Chesterwood. The sculptor Daniel Chester French, who worked and lived at Chesterwood, was both Lukeman's mentor and associate. The studio has been in continuous use as an art studio for almost one hundred years. It is currently undergoing restoration. Catherine's work will be exhibited beside that of her late father, Fred Leuchs, well-known stained-glass artisan, as well as with maquettes of Lukeman's sculptures created in the same space so many years ago.

Sculptor Augustus Lukeman was born in Richmond, Virginia, and raised in New York City, where his talent was recognized by the Henry Street Settlement

House. He studied at the National Academy of Design in New York and at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, France, and received his L.H.D. from Dickinson College. In the late 1800s he came to Stockbridge to summer and then study with Daniel Chester French. He married a local art critic, Helen Bidwell of Stockbridge. They made their home in New York City and summered in Stockbridge. His most well-known monument is Stone Mountain in Atlanta, Georgia, but his work can be found throughout the country. Locally, he did the War Memorial in Pittsfield, the President McKinley Monument in Adams,

the General William Shepard Monument in Westfield, and the Soldiers' Monument in Somerville to name only a few.

His widow gave the Stockbridge studio to her niece, Marie Bidwell Leuchs, who grew up in Great Barrington, and her husband, Fred Leuchs of New York City, to use as a summer stained-glass studio. A prolific artist, Leuchs designed, created, and restored stained-glass windows



Catherine Bohrman working on details of an overseas public art commission.

for some of the country's most prominent institutions and homes. His works include the US Library of Congress, George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, and St. Bartholomew's Church, St. Emeric's Church, Picasso House, the Strauss Memorial, the Cloisters, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Locally he did the National Shrine of

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Divine Mercy and a window for St. Paul's Church in Stockbridge, two interior panels for the Bousquet Ski Area in Pittsfield, and restoration on many churches in the area, as well as numerous works for private individuals. Marie Bidwell Leuchs still lives at their home in Monterey.

Currently, one of their five daughters, Catherine Leuchs Bohrman, who grew up in Monterey, is a professional sculptor. She seasonally comes up to the area to work and exhibit. She has exhibited and sold at local galleries in West Stockbridge and Tyringham. She has a piece at Constitution Hall in Washington, DC, and one on the CNN NewsNight set, and is currently working on several overseas commissions. She is represented in New York by the Long Island City Contemporary Art Gallery; her website is www.catherinebohrman.com. Her great-uncle Augustus Lukeman had his sculpture cast at Roman Bronze in Queens, New York. Master craftsmen who were trained there now work at Empire Bronze where Catherine has her bronze casting done. On the weekend of October 1st she will be working on plaster models at the Lukeman Studio at 3 Lukeman Lane in Stockbridge.



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Making a Difference

To the Editor:

Recently a neighbor asked me about my part in the NYC protest at the Republican National Convention. He said, "But what did you accomplish? Did you make any difference?"

I answered him quickly, "When 200,000 people get together in one place to say they do not like the way the country is going under the present administration, that is an accomplishment." I don't think he had realized there were that many of us on Sunday, August 29, stretching from 17th Street up 7th Avenue to 34th, then east to 5th Avenue and down to Broadway to Union Square and back to the beginning of the march. The streets along that path were filled with people, a complete circle. People like me, near the beginning of the march, got all the way back to the start and found there were mobs more still waiting to set out.

What I forgot to mention to my neighbor, though, was the difference I make to myself every time I speak up. I sit home as long as I can bear it, feeling sick and lonely as the bad news comes in from Iraq, from the environment, from AIDS. I don't even worry about myself so much because I have had a good and full life. It's the rest

Remembering William C. "Wild Bill" Hall

William C. "Wild Bill" Hall, 88, of Ormond Beach, Fla., a native of Monterey, died March 4, 2004. Born on Nov. 13, 1915, he was the son of William B. and Zella Plass Hall. He served as a captain of the State Guard during World War II. A retired farmer, he enjoyed hunting and playing the harmonica. He was also known for his square-dance calling.

He leaves two sons, William D. Hall of Sheffield and Richard Hall of Deland, Fla.; two daughters, Joan Hulett of Port Orange, Fla., and Cheryl Hoeck of Deland, Fla.; eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by brothers Joseph and James "Toad" Hall; a sister, Marie Hall; and two half-sisters, Dorothy and Zella.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at noon at Corashire Cemetery in Monterey.

of them. It's my kids, my planet, the British shorebirds, the polar bears. They need me to speak up and I need me to speak up. That is what I accomplished, going to New York. I stopped feeling so sick.

— Bonner McAllester

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Remembering Jack Jefferson (1928–2004)

Jack Jefferson, 76, one of Monterey's most revered citizens as well as a highly respected senior partner of the William Brockman real estate agency, died peacefully in his sleep at his home on Wellman Road on September 1.

Jack was the son of William Alfred and Bessie Popham Jefferson of Annapolis, Maryland, and was a graduate of Franklin Marshall University. After serving with the United States Army in Korea, he attended General Theological Seminary in New York City, but elected not to become an Episcopal minister. At one point in his career he was a stockbroker on Wall Street, and later a professional fund-raiser with the firm operated by John and Betty Lee Carlson, who subsequently introduced Jack and Bill Brockman to Monterey. For a time they lived on Fairview Road before purchasing the former Eugene Ormandy estate, Fiddletop, on Wellman Road.

Jack's clients and friends were both loyal and the relationships with them long-lasting. If anyone could mix business and pleasure while making everyone feel like family, he did so for the past quarter of a century. As a neighbor he was no less respected. As trustee of the landmark colonial Bidwell House on Art School Road he was a Founding Member of The Bidwell House Society that



enabled it to become the museum it is today, Jack had also been a fund-raiser and served on the Board of Directors for Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield.

To all who knew him, Jack was both charismatic and friendly. His quiet sense of decency, fairness, understanding, and caring kindness was only equalled by his keen sense of humor. His philosophy in life seemed to be to accept what may and "what goes around, comes around." He also had a wonderful time, and enjoyed almost every minute of his life.

A Memorial Eucharist Service to honor Jack was held on Saturday, Sep-

tember 11, at Trinity Church in Lenox. There was standing room only, as several hundred and more came to where Jack himself weekly took spiritual sustenance in Holy Communion with his friend Betty Lee (Mack) Carlson, with whom he shared his faith.

All those present were invited back to Fiddletop for a celebration of his life. What better way to remember the gracious host and perfect gentleman standing at the door, as he had annually for the end of summer outdoor reception there, reaching out to friends and neighbors, even as he did every day of his life. When the afternoon sun began to dip toward the hills, some who were not ready to say good-bye lifted their eyes over the gardens, across the valleys to linger in the beauty of the moment, perhaps associated with a sense of Jack's spirit. May he be encompassed by God's eternal love.

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Every Monday (exc. holidays): Select Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.–noon, Town Offices.

Sunday, October 3: Meeting for those interested in helping plan the community Potluck Dinners, at 11:45 a.m. at the Monterey Meetinghouse.

Monday, October 4: Public hearing on tax levy scheduled during Select Board meeting at Town Offices. See Town News, p.2.

Saturday, October 9: Monterey Fire Co. Firemen's Ball, 6:30–11 p.m., Monterey Firehouse. For more information call 528-2982.

Sunday, October 10: Harvest Brunch Fund-raiser, 11 a.m., at the Monterey Meetinghouse. Great local food cooked to perfection and Pullen pumpkin pies! All for a suggested donation of \$8.00. Not to be missed! Reservations appreciated. See p.4.

Monday, October 11: Columbus Day celebrated. Town Offices closed.

Wednesday, October 13: Last day to register to vote in November election.

Registration sessions 2-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m., locations to be posted in Post Office & Town Offices. See p.8.

Thursday, October 14:
Free blood pressure clinic, 2:30–3:30 p.m., Town Offices, administered by Visiting Nurses Assoc.

Free foot clinic, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Town Offices, administered by VNA Accent on Health.

Friday, October 15:
Partial drawdown of Lake Garfield will begin.

Deadline for Cultural Council Grants, 3 p.m. at Town Offices. See p.13.

Saturday, October 16: Another great Monterey hike! Trails on Mt. Hunger, 10 a.m. See p.8.

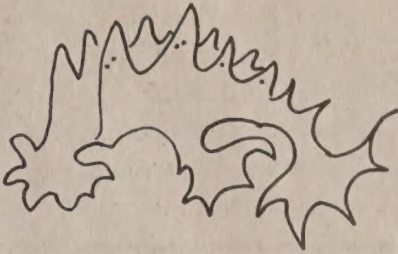
Saturday, October 23:
Square and contra dancing, 8:30–11:30 p.m., Sheffield Grange, Rt. 7, Sheffield. Music by Mountain Laurel. Caller Ralph Sweet. All dances are taught, beginners and children are welcome. Adults \$6, children \$3. Information 528-9385.

Thursday, October 28: Full Moon.

The Observer
August 26–September 25

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Low temp. (9/20)	37°
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Avg. low temp.	51.3°
Avg. temp.	61.2°
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Sunday, October 31:
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